

NORTH CURRY NEWSLETTER

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North Curry Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES: There is still one vacant seat on the Parish Council so if you would like to get involved in Parish affairs, why not put yourself forward? Contact the Clerk or a Parish Councillor for more information.

WINTER DE-ICING: There are a limited number of 20kg bags of de-icing material available for self-help use on the public highway/footways in the event of prolonged periods of snow or ice. If interested call the Parish Clerk.

WASTE COLLECTIONS OVER CHRISTMAS: Don't forget that for the two weeks after Christmas and New Year all collections will be one day later than usual with NO garden waste collections from Monday 26th December to Friday 6th January. All waste collections will be back to usual from Monday 9th January.

BROADBAND: For those of you too far away from a fibre broadband cabinet to benefit from increased speeds, Rural Broadband Southwest are reported to be starting to provide wireless broadband in the area. If you are interested in finding out more they can be contacted on info@ruralbroadbandsouthwest.co.uk. Please note that there may be other providers and the Parish Council is not in a position to endorse this or any other provider.

BE ON YOUR GUARD! With the dark nights, incidents of break-ins have increased in the Parish. Please remember to secure property and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police.

CONTACTING THE NORTH CURRY WEBSITE WEBMASTER: Don't forget that, if you would like an event or other item added to the website diary you can contact the webmaster via either of the two "contact the webmaster" links shown on the home page of the North Curry website.

SURVIVING WINTER CAMPAIGN: Somerset Community Foundation are running this appeal encouraging people who don't need their Winter Fuel Payment to donate it so that it can be redistributed to elderly residents suffering from fuel poverty in the county. For more information please visit their website: <http://www.somerset.org.uk/special-projects/surviving-winter> or contact them on 01749 344949.

PARISH COUNCIL DIARY FOR DECEMBER: Parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting.

Wed 14th Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm

No Planning Meeting in December

Contact the Parish Council: 01823 490136 or parishcouncil@northcurry.com

NORTH CURRY MARKET

I do hope you all liked the new banner at the end of Greenway which was new for the November market. It certainly worked; I think we had the busiest market ever. The kitchen sold out of bacon butties and nearly out of coffee.

There was a real buzz in the air. All the stall holders were happy, and so were the customers, which is the most important thing. Mr Horrick from Newport was also very happy as he won the raffle for the first time

Please come to the last market before Christmas on the 3rd December to stock up on all your chutney, pickled onions, butter eggs and cheese. Not forgetting a visit to North Curry brewery stall and Anne's organic lamb. There are cards and pottery and Elizabeth's delightful gifts or perhaps something special from Dave's array of prints and antiques. And of course our bacon butties and tea or coffee

The stall holders and PCC wish to thank you for your support and wish you all a very happy Christmas. We start again on 7th January.

See you all there

Panto is coming to North Curry...

Oh no it isn't; oh yes it is... Yes, Dick Whittington will be coming to North Curry Village Hall from Tuesday 6th December to Saturday 12th December. The show is directed by Greg Phillips, who some of you may know from panto and farce at Somerton and Stoke St Gregory.

The curtain goes up at 7:45pm nightly and there is a matinee performance on the Saturday at 2pm. So, to put you in the mood for the festive season, bring your friends and family along to the Village Hall and enjoy music, laughter and a whole lot more.

Tickets are £8 adults and £5 for under 12's, available from Stoke St Gregory Village Stores, North Curry Post Office or from Greg on 01458 251773. See you there!

COMMUNITY LUNCH

North Curry Primary School

Invites YOU to lunch on Thursday 15th December

At 12:30 in the school hall. £4.00 for a 2 course meal.

Please book at the school office by Friday 9th December



On **Wednesday 14th December**, we have the heart-warming film **“Sunshine on Leith”**, which is based on the sensational stage hit of the same name, featuring music by pop-folk band The Proclaimers. The film follows the stories of Davy and Ally, who have to re-learn how to live life in Edinburgh after coming home from serving in Afghanistan. Both struggle to learn to live a life outside the army and to deal with the everyday struggles of family, jobs and relationships.

The doors and bar open at 7:00pm with the film starting at 7:30pm. Free to members; it costs £5 as a guest.

There is no Saturday ‘Winter Warmer’ this month, as the hall is being used for the Panto. We will be showing the classic “Room with a View” on Saturday 14th January.

More information on our films on www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk



There is no meeting of the North Curry Society in December as the normal Wednesday falls very close to Christmas.

Instead, the Committee would like to wish members and visitors alike a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. They look forward to welcoming you to the first of the events of 2017 on 18th January when Alan Billingham will give a light-hearted talk about the construction of the M5 motorway. Love it or loathe it, the earth really did move!

Meetings are held at **8:00pm** in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month. Refreshments served from **7:30pm**. Annual membership of £5 includes admission to talks, discussions and refreshments. Visitors pay a small charge. Whether you are a visitor, a new or an established member, you will be very welcome.

White Street 200 Club

White Street 200 Club... 7 months of results!

Many apologies for the delay in announcing the results, Maria and I simply could not get our diaries together for a variety of daft reasons.

June

1 st	Geoff Golder	£25
2 nd	Freda Perry	£15
3 rd	Marcella Baxter	£10

July

1 st	Jan Ashcroft	£25
2 nd	Brian Dix	£15
3 rd	Stan Case	£10

August

1 st	Richard Perry	£25
2 nd	Liz Tennant	£15
3 rd	R Rowe	£10

September

1 st	Portia Westhead	£25
2 nd	Jono Lambert	£15
3 rd	Callum Hardy	£10

October

1 st	Crispin Haylar	£25
2 nd	Tim Walker	£15
3 rd	Fred Drakeford	£10

November

1 st	Lee Welch	£25
2 nd	Mary Piers	£15
3 rd	Nick Bradstock	£10

December

1 st	Mike Laird	£25
2 nd	Trevor Steer	£15
3 rd	Martin Keaney	£10

Christmas is coming! Do you have unwanted toys or books? Are you looking for gifts that don't cost a fortune?

Come and take part in Transition Athelney's Toy & Book Swap – no cash needed! How does it work? Bring your toys and books to one of three drop-off locations and receive Stamps that you can then spend at the Swap! If you don't have anything to swap, that's OK – you could make a small cash donation instead. Anything that isn't taken will be donated to a good cause.

The three drop-off points are: North Curry Village Hall, Monday 28th November, 5:30-7:00pm (during Brownies); Stoke St Gregory Williams Hall, Tuesday 29th November, 5:30-7:00pm (during Beavers) or between 9:00-10:00am at the event itself at **North Curry Village Hall Meeting Room, Saturday 3rd December, 9:00am-12noon**. Drop-off also available in Curload by arrangement only – call Mike on 07768 704466.

The North Curry Produce Market is happening at the same time so come along and check out the vendors' stalls and get all Christmassy with us!



towards a greener community

North Curry Village Choir Christmas Concert

Our Christmas concert will be held on

Thursday 15th December at 7:30pm

in the

North Curry Village Hall

Five pieces by the choir

Soprano solo

Carols for choir and audience

Light supper

Bar

Tickets (£10) are available from members of the choir and North Curry Post Office.



Barn Dancing Club

Our next session will be on **Monday 12th December at 7:30pm** in the village hall. This is a different day from usual, so if you aren't normally free on a Wednesday but are on a Monday this is your chance! Being December we'll have a Christmas theme so bring a plate of food plus anything frivolous or decorative to wear. That's all you need to bring; your first visit will be free of charge. Do come along and join in the fun! Singles, couples or groups always welcome. Absolutely no experience, just a good sense of humour, needed.

For further details phone Brian or Kathryn on 490623.



North Curry W.I.

It is especially at this time of year that we value our friendship and times spent together as we look forward to our Christmas celebrations, beginning with our December meeting in the village hall with entertainment and a festive afternoon tea. A few days later, we journey to Wells for shopping and lunch before joining other W.I.'s throughout Somerset for our annual carol service in the Cathedral, which is always an uplifting experience. Finally, we meet with our local groups for a united carol service at Burrowbridge church, followed by tea in the village hall.

Arrangements for our meetings and events next year are well in hand – a date for your diaries – **SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 2017** when, following the success of last year, we will once again be holding a Quiz and Buffet Evening and have already booked the popular and entertaining quiz master, Martin Baldock. We will keep you informed.

Meanwhile we wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a very happy New Year.



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 1st December** when Roy Cheek will be speaking to us about "**Holly, Ivy and Mistletoe**".

Highly experienced and qualified, Roy progressed from gardener to Director of parks and gardens around Britain. As senior lecturer and curator of gardens in Somerset he amassed ten thousand different plants, ten national collections and created new hybrids, diverse gardens and gold medal exhibits at Chelsea. He is now Vice-Chairman of RHS floral trials, an international tour leader, judge, advisor, designer and writer.

As it's our December meeting, come a bit early at **7:30pm** and join us for **mulled wine and mince pies before the start of the talk at 8:00pm**.

Garden Club Meetings are held in the North Curry Playing Fields Pavilion. **New members and visitors are always welcome so why not come along!**



THE MUMMERS

12pm
The Village Green
BEERCROCOMBE

1.00pm
The Square
NORTH CURRY

BOXING DAY 26th DECEMBER

В о с к р е с е н и е

Russian Choir concert

The Resurrection Choir of St. Petersburg (Voskreseniye in Russian) gave a recital of international quality in North Curry parish church on Thursday 20th October. The choir sang sacred pieces in the Orthodox Church tradition, followed by folk songs from Russia: a cappella choral singing, also showcasing their soloists. Earlier, the choir had given an impromptu concert after lunch at North Curry School, when the children promised to practise hard ready to sing for them next time.

Musically, the concert was rapturously received by County music circles and the village. Socially, the visit was an enormous success, goodwill all round and friendships formed between singers and hosts. Financially, the guests were sent on their way with funds augmented for another season of music back home in St. Petersburg, and a tidy sum left over for NC Church.

Many thanks to all the hosts and helpers, without whom the concert could not have taken place. The choir will return to North Curry in 2017, on Wednesday 11th October.

FONCS



Friends of North Curry School

Annual School Christmas Fayre

at the school Friday 4th December
6:00 – 8:00pm

Raffle, tombola, games, gifts
Refreshments and festive
entertainment

All Welcome

Methodist Preachers

December

- 4th Rev'd Graham Thompson
Chairman of the Plymouth and Exeter District
- 11th Rev'd Stephen Mares
Superintendent Taunton Deane + South Somerset Circuit
- 18th Rev'd Deborah Kirk Carol Service **3pm**
- 25th Mr David Clithero (possibly not)

January

- 1st Mrs Elaine Dew
- 8th Mrs Margaret Wood
- 15th Rev'd Deborah Kirk Annual Covenant service
- 22nd Mrs Teresa Ella
- 29th Mrs Jenny Sleep

February

- 5th Mr Edward Hosken
- 12th Rev'd Deborah Kirk Holy Communion
- 19th Mrs Elaine Cox
- 26th Mrs Glenys Allinson

All services at 11am unless stated otherwise.

Taunton Homeless

I am Neil Venables and I live in North Curry. I, with another villager (Lotte), am collecting up to the 17th December locally for the Taunton Homeless in the lead up to Christmas.

We believe there could be up to 200 homeless in Taunton and wish to get pre-packed boxes as a gift from the village. We'll be advertising the contents for the boxes required around the village in the next couple of weeks.

The drop-off agreed will be at the North Curry Sports Club on:

10th December, 12:00 – 2:00pm

Christmas in the Square

*Continuing the tradition of the village
getting together just before Christmas*

Sunday 11th December 4:00 – 6:00pm

Festive fun for all ages

***Christmas Tree in the Square
with switching on of the lights***

North Curry School Singers



*Music by **The Big Noise** back by popular request*

Christmas in the Square Singing Group

Children's Games; Hot Dogs, Roast Pork Rolls

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hot Chocolate,

'Rhum au Chocolat' and Raffle

***Father Christmas,
if we are all very good***



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North Curry Village Hall

Secretary: Michael Griffiths
phone 491298

villagehall@northcurry.com

To hire the hall contact
Fleur White 491424

hallbookings@northcurry.com



Available to hire as a venue for parties (children's and adults), meetings and celebrations. With a large outdoor area ideal for bouncy castles and games, in addition a multi-use games area (MUGA) for children and young people to have fun and let off steam.

To book see calendar and booking form at
www.ncpavilion.co.uk
or email pavilion@northcurry.com
or call 07551 759 190



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